



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Donate Life Month

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 117,000 Americans, over 4,700 in New England, who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

**WHEREAS**, we can all help save up to 8 people's lives and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor and enrolling in the Rhode Island Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at [www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org](http://www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org); and

**WHEREAS**, 99.7% of all people in Rhode Island who register to become a donor do so at the Division of Motor Vehicles, so it is fitting that Rhode Island join in the national goal of signing up 50% of our driving population to become donors and continue making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through the Division of Motor Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; and

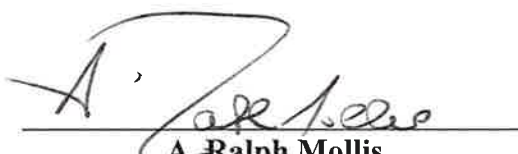
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April, 2013 as Donate Life Month in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

  
Lincoln D. Chafee

Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State